IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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IN RE:

RICHARD F. ALLEN

Petitioner.

On Petition for Writ of Mandamus to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama

BEFORE: TJOFLAT, BIRCH and BLACK, Circuit Judges.

BY THE COURT:

We hereby vacate our previous order staying the order of the magistrate judge in this case. This court was under the misapprehension that the order which is the subject of this petition for mandamus relief was that of the district court. It appears that the discovery order entered by the magistrate judge was never subject to a motion for reconsideration pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b)(1)(A) and Fed.R.Civ.P. 72(a). In sum, the petitioner is asking us to direct the district court to vacate an order when the petitioner, although required by law, has not himself applied to the district court for relief in the first instance. Thus, the 23 March

2007 order is not a final, reviewable order of the district court. Accordingly, the petition for mandamus relief is dismissed.

It Is So Ordered.